

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Competitive Product Prices  
Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreements with  
Foreign Postal Operators  
Interconnect Remuneration Agreement –  
United States Postal Service and  
Specified Postal Operators (MC2010-34)  
Negotiated Service Agreements

Docket No. CP2020-141

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 2  
AND NOTICE OF FILING UNDER SEAL

(Issued December 23, 2020)

To clarify the Postal Service's notice of filing modifications to the Interconnect Remuneration Agreement USPS and Specified Postal Operators (IRA-USPS Agreement),<sup>1</sup> the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions. The answers should be provided no later than December 29, 2020.

1. Please refer to the Notice, Attachment 3, the June 29 Notice,<sup>2</sup> and Excel file "NONPUBLIC USPS-CP2020-141-IB\_SP\_WP.xlsx" (Standard Packets file), tab "07\_Summary," cell C24.
  - a. As the country in question suspended the IRA-USPS Agreement effective January 1, 2021, please explain why the Postal Service included revenue from this country's tracked standard packet volume in cell C24.
  - b. Please see attachment filed under seal.

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<sup>1</sup> Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Modifications to Inbound Competitive Multi-Service IRA-USPS Agreement, December 16, 2020 (Notice).

<sup>2</sup> Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing Additional Signatory and Other Related Information to Inbound Competitive Multi-Service IRA-USPS Agreement, June 29, 2020 (June 29 Notice).

- c. Please explain why the Postal Service did not include the cost for the tracking service provided to standard packets from this country.
  - d. Please refer to Postal Service's response to questions 1.a. and 1.c. above. If these revenues and costs should not be included under the IRA-USPS agreement, please explain to which inbound international product in the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) the revenue included in cell C24 and the associated costs should be attributed. In your explanation, please provide the MCS section number.
- 2. Please refer to the Notice, Attachment 2, and to the Standard Packets file.
  - a. Please explain the specific type of product to which the surcharge in Annex 2, Section 3.2, paragraph (3) will apply.
  - b. Please specify where in the Standard Packets file the Postal Service included the volume that this specific type of product represents, by country, as well as the costs and revenues incurred from its delivery.
  - c. Please confirm that the Postal Service is able to identify this specific type of product for operational and accounting purposes.

3. Please refer to Excel file “NONPUBLIC USPS-CP2020-141-SPP\_WP.xlsx” (Premium Parcels file), tab “06\_Totals,” rows 49, 65, 70, 84, 96, 112, and 113. Please confirm that the countries in the referenced rows will be parties to the IRA-USPS Agreement in Calendar Year 2021. If confirmed, please explain why the Postal Service did not include revenues and costs for premium parcel volumes from the referenced countries and file revised workpapers, as appropriate.

By the Chairman.

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